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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DISASTER RELIEF ORGANIZATION  
INFORMATION

REF: STATE 22053

1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL WE CONSULTED WITH HMG ON ITS HANDLING OF DISASTER RELIEF ACTIVITIES. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS KEYED TO QUESTIONS IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF REFTEL. A) HMG'S FOREIGN DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR IS R. E. STEDDON, FINANCIAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, LONDON (TELEPHONE NO. 01-839-8866, EXT. 205). B) HMG IS RATHER LOOSELY ORGANIZED FOR FOREIGN DISASTER RELIEF. THE FCO COORDINATOR UPON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION CONCERNING A DISASTER WILL ADVISE THE DISASTER EMERGENCY COMMITTEE, AN ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL AS THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (MOD). FOR PURPOSES OF RELIEF FCO RELIES ALMOST ENTIRELY ON MOD TO PROVIDE BOTH SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT. VOLAGS OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY BUT KEEP FCO ADVISED OF WHAT THEY ARE DOING. FCO SUPPLIES UP TO DATE REPORTS ON ITS ACTIVITIES TO UNDRC. C) HMG DOES NOT DO A GREAT DEAL IN TERMS OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS. MOD STOCKPILES SUPPLIES AND CAN PROVIDE TRANSPORT ON FAIRLY SHORT NOTICE.

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D) FCO WOULD FIND IT USEFUL TO RECEIVE DETAILED INFOR-

MATION FROM FDRC. E) FCO WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PROVIDING FDRC WITH CURRENT INFORMATION ON DISASTER RELIEF. THEY ALREADY PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION ROUTINELY TO UN BODIES VIA UK MISSIONS IN NEW YORK AND GENEVA.

2. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (ODA), THE BRITISH COUNTERPART OF AID, DOES NOT CONCERN ITSELF WITH SUDDEN AND CATASTROPHIC DISASTERS, BUT DOES GET INVOLVED IN THE LONGER TERM PROBLEMS OF FAMINE, DISEASE AND REHABILITATION THAT ARE OFTEN DISASTER-RELATED.

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